Relief of Unemployment.

298 *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have started any public works since the last Budget Session in order to relieve unemployment in rural centres of the State; and

(*b*) if so, the names of such centres?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*.)

Transport of Medicines from the Medical Stores.

299 *MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanacherry cum Perumade II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) who is doing the work of transport of medicine from the Medical Stores to the various Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State in the current year (1110);

(*b*) whether the work was given by public auction;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why it was not done so;

(*d*) whether there were other applicants for the work for 1111 M. E.; and

(*e*) the total expenses incurred for the work in 1109 and 1110?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Mr. P. P. Cheriyan, Lily Lodge, Trivandrum.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Tenders for the work were invited by a Gazette Notification and the work was given to the lowest tenderer.

(*d*) There are two applicants for 1111.

(*e*) The total expenditure for 1109 is not available at present. The total expenditure for 1110 (up to 13th July 1935/29th Mithunam 1110) is Rs. 6,400.

Clerks in the Darbar Physician's Office.

300 *MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war return of clerks in the Darbar Physician's Office?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) whether the claims of any Ezhava clerk for promotion in the aforesaid office have been overlooked; and

(ii) if the answer to part (i) is in the affirmative, the reasons therefor?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) The *statement is laid on the table.

(*b*) (i) and (ii). Yes; on account of higher qualification and efficiency.

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*Vide Appendix X.

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